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DEA HQS FOR TR/MR. OLIVANTI, MR. LEAMY; ENOL

STATE FOR S/NM - R. CHAMBERS, M. CHESSES; ARA/LA - J.O' GRADY

EMBASSIES FOR DEA; SAN SALVADOR FOR NARCOTIC COORDINATOR, H.MITCHEL

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1. G DO WAS NOT PRIVY TO MEDINA/LEAMY DISCUSSION AT IDEA CONFERENCE
IN CHILE LAST JULY SINCE SAIC MEDINA WAS REASSIGNED AND DID NOT
RETURN TO DUTY AT GUATEMALA AFTER CONFERENCE.

2. SINCE THAT TIME THE GCDO HAS NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOES AND A
PRODUCT OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN THE INITIATION OF A NEW
NARCOTICS SECTION WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICE AT EL SALVADOR. THE
DEFENSE MINISTER HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN COMBATING THE
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INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC OF NARCOTICS THROUGH EL SALVADOR. THE
FORMATION OF THE NARCOTICS GROUP TO
ASSIST IN AN INTERDICTION PROGRAM AT EL SALVADOR IS LOOKED UPON
BY THE AMEMBASSY AND GCDO AS A POSITIVE GESTURE. THE GCDO HAS
PLEDGED ITS ASSISTANCE AND LIAISON WITH THIS NEW GROUP.

3. IN ADDITION, THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED

TO COORDINATE WITH THE GCDO IN A STUDY TO EXPLORE "JOINT PRO-SECUTION" CASES AND HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN THE DRAFTING OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORMS TO THEIR PEANL CODE AS THEY PERTAIN TO NARCOTIC ENDORCEMENT. THSES LAST POINTS WILL BE THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE UPCOMING ARA CONFERENCE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA IN NOVEMBER.

4. IT IS THEREFORE UNFORTUNATE THAT SUBJECT SCHOOL IS HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED SINCE THE OFFIER WOULD HAVE BEEN TIMELY. HOWEVER, THE GCDO IS AWARE OF THE COMMITMENT OF TR TO ITS PLANNED SCHEDULE. THE GCDO DID NOT HAVE A CANDIDATE IN MIND FOR BELIZE AND GUATEMALA AT THIS TIME, RATHER ONE SLOT FOR EL SALAVADOR. THE GCDO HAS NOT MADE A FORMAL OFFER FOR SUBJECT SCHOOL TO GOES, MERELY EXPRESSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN OFFER IN THE FUTURE.

5. IF A SLOT CANNOT BE ALLOCATED FOR THIS SCHOOL, IT WOULD BE OF VALUABLE ASSISTANCE IF TR COULD ADVISE OF PLANS FOR A SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL AND/OR OTHER TRAINING ASCHOOLS THAT COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW GROUP.

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